

Journal of the Proceedings of the Seattle Transportation Benefit District Board

Thursday, July 17, 2014

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Seattle Transportation Benefit District Board met in the City of Seattle's Council Chamber in City Hall, Seattle, Washington, on Thursday, July 17, 2014. The meeting was called to order at 2:09 p.m., with Board Chair Rasmussen presiding.

II. ROLL CALL

On roll call the following Board members were:

Present: Bagshaw, Clark, Godden, Harrell, Licata, Rasmussen, O'Brien, Sawant - 8

Absent: Burgess (excused) - 1.

III. APPROVAL OF JOURNAL

The Journal of the Proceedings of the Seattle Transportation Benefit District Board meeting of Thursday, July 10, 2014, was presented to the Chair for approval. By unanimous consent, the Journal was approved and signed.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made, duly seconded and carried, to adopt the proposed Agenda.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Hallerman addressed the Board regarding item 1, **Resolution No. 12.**

Alison Eisinger addressed the Board regarding item 1, **Resolution No. 12.**

Steve Daschle addressed the Board regarding item 1, **Resolution No. 12.**

Mark Okazaki addressed the Board regarding item 1, **Resolution No. 12.**

Jessica Bonebright addressed the Board regarding item 1, **Resolution No. 12.**

Austin Wright-Pettibone and Christina Xiao addressed the Board regarding item 1, **Resolution No. 12.**

Josh Kavanagh addressed the Board regarding item 1, **Resolution No. 12.**

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Jacqueline Sorgen addressed the Board regarding item 1, **Resolution No. 12.**

Brock Howell addressed the Board regarding item 1, **Resolution No. 12.**

Behnaz Nelson addressed the Board regarding item 1, **Resolution No. 12.**

Pam Summa addressed the Board regarding item 1, **Resolution No. 12.**

Winfield Hutton addressed the Board regarding item 1, **Resolution No. 12.**

Lorraine Carlucci addressed the Board regarding item 1, **Resolution No. 12.**

Paul Bachtel addressed the Board regarding item 1, **Resolution No. 12.**

Rob Johnson addressed the Board regarding item 1, **Resolution No. 12.**

Drew Isaak addressed the Board regarding item 1, **Resolution No. 12.**

Jon Scholes addressed the Board regarding item 1, **Resolution No. 12.**

Erin Haick addressed the Board regarding item 1, **Resolution No. 12.**

By unanimous consent, the Public Comment Period was extended 15 minutes.

Toby Crittenden addressed the Board regarding item 1, **Resolution No. 12.**

Doug Nielson addressed the Board regarding item 1, **Resolution No. 12.**

Linda Jansen addressed the Board regarding item 1, **Resolution No. 12.**

Joanna Cullen addressed the Board regarding item 1, **Resolution No. 12.**

Katie Wilson addressed the Board regarding item 1, **Resolution No. 12.**

April Putney addressed the Board regarding item 1, **Resolution No. 12.**

Lennon Bronsema addressed the Board regarding item 1, **Resolution No. 12.**

Steve Gelb addressed the Board regarding item 1, **Resolution No. 12.**

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Lucy Redler addressed the Board regarding item 1, **Resolution No. 12**.

Tim Baker addressed the Board regarding item 1, **Resolution No. 12**.

VI. REPORT OF THE SEATTLE TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT (STBD) BOARD

Agenda item 1 – Resolution No. 12, Of the Seattle Transportation Benefit District concerning a voter-approved vehicle license fee and sales and use tax to fund Metro Transit service in Seattle; creating a rebate program for low-income individuals applicable to the vehicle license fee; providing for annual reports to the public; submitting a ballot measure regarding transit funding to the qualified electors of the Seattle Transportation Benefit District at an election to be held on November 4, 2014; requesting that the King County Director of Elections call a special election in conjunction with the November 4, 2014 general election and submitting the proposition to Seattle Transportation Benefit District voters; requesting that the King County Prosecutor prepare a ballot title; requesting that the Seattle City Attorney prepare an explanatory statement for King County’s local voters’ pamphlet; and appointing a committee to prepare pro and con statements for King County’s local voters’ pamphlet.

Motion was made and duly seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 12**.

ACTION 1:

Motion was made by Boardmember Rasmussen and duly seconded, to amend **Resolution No. 12**, by substituting version 9a for version 8.

ACTION 2:

Motion was made by Boardmember Bagshaw, duly seconded and carried, to amend version 9a, Section 5.A., first sentence, by deleting “generally” before “that are.”

ACTION 3:

Motion was made, duly seconded and carried, to adopt version 9a as amended.

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ACTION 4:

Motion was made by Boardmember Licata and duly seconded, to amend **Resolution No. 12**, title, sixth and seventh recitals, sections 1, 5, and 9, as shown in the strike through language below:

Resolution title:

A RESOLUTION of the Seattle Transportation Benefit District concerning a voter-approved vehicle license fee ~~and sales and use tax~~ to fund Metro Transit service in Seattle; creating a rebate program for low-income individuals applicable to the vehicle license fee; providing for annual reports to the public; submitting a ballot measure regarding transit funding to the qualified electors of the Seattle Transportation Benefit District at an election to be held on November 4, 2014; requesting that the King County Director of Elections call a special election in conjunction with the November 4, 2014 general election and submitting the proposition to Seattle Transportation Benefit District voters; requesting that the King County Prosecutor prepare a ballot title; requesting that the Seattle City Attorney prepare an explanatory statement for King County's local voters' pamphlet; and appointing a committee to prepare pro and con statements for King County's local voters' pamphlet.

Sixth and Seventh Recitals:

~~WHEREAS, the Transportation District has the legal authority to fix and impose up to a two-tenths of one percent sales and use tax within the district under RCW 82.14.0455 with approval of a majority of district voters; and~~

~~WHEREAS, the Transportation District cannot impose a voter approved sales and use tax that exceeds a period of ten years, unless incurred for indebtedness or extended by an affirmative public vote in accordance with RCW 82.14.0455; and~~

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Section 1:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

The Seattle Transportation Benefit District's Proposition 1 concerns funding for Metro Transit service.

If approved, this proposition would fund Metro Transit service benefitting the City of Seattle, by preventing planned service cuts and, if funds allow, enhancing transit service, at least until state or regional authorities provide replacement revenues. The measure would authorize an annual vehicle license fee up to an additional \$60 per registered vehicle with a \$20 rebate for low-income individuals and ~~authorize up to a 0.1% sales and use tax, both~~ expiring by 12/31/2020, all as proposed in Resolution 12.

Section 5:

Use of revenues.

The funds raised by this proposition ("Proposition 1 Revenues") will only be used for the Transportation Improvements described in this resolution and the associated administrative costs. Proposition 1 Revenues will first be used to pay any required administrative costs to the state Department of Licensing and ~~state Department of Revenue~~, the budgeted administrative costs of the Transportation District, including but not limited to elections costs, and the estimated cost of the Transportation District's low-income rebate program for vehicle license fees, as described in Section 6 of this Resolution.

Section 9:

The vehicle license fee ~~and the sales and use tax~~ authorized by voters will be collected until December 31, 2020 unless voters approve a subsequent ballot measure extending the fees and taxes beyond December 31, 2020.

The Motion failed by the following voice vote:

In favor: Licata, Sawant - 2

Against: Bagshaw, Clark, Godden, Harrell, O'Brien, Rasmussen - 6

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ACTION 5:

Motion was made by Boardmember O'Brien, duly seconded and carried, to amend **Resolution No. 12**, by adding a new recital and amending section 5, as indicated by the underlined and strike through language below:

Recital:

WHEREAS, in 2015, King County will implement a low-income fare for Metro Transit service, increasing access to transit for no and low-income riders.

Section 5:

Remaining Proposition 1 Revenues will be used for the following ~~two~~ three purposes:

- C. Up to two million dollars of the Proposition 1 Revenues will be used annually to improve and to support access to transit service for low-income transit riders. These funds may be used to increase access to the low-income fare program and to evaluate the feasibility of developing and potentially funding additional no-income and low-income products for Seattle residents that complement the King County low-income fare program.

After funding service hours as described above in Section 5.A. and after funding regional public transit service as described in Section 5.B. and after funding increased access for low-income transit riders as described in Section 5.C., remaining revenues may then be used to address overcrowding, reliability, and service frequency within the City of Seattle through the purchase of additional Metro Transit bus service hours on routes with more than 80 percent of their stops within City of Seattle limits and consistent with the Seattle Transit Master Plan and Metro's Service Guidelines.

ACTION 6:

Motion was made by Boardmember Rasmussen, duly seconded and carried, to amend **Resolution No. 12**, section 5.A. and by adding a new paragraph to section 8, with the following underlined and strike through language below:

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Section 5.A.:

- A. Provide funding for Metro Transit service hours that are generally consistent with the Seattle Transit Master Plan and Metro's Service Guidelines on routes with more than 80 percent of their stops within City of Seattle limits. Such funding shall be for the purpose of providing transit service hours within the City of Seattle comparable to service hours that were provided by Metro Transit in October 2014. The first priority for the funding is to preserve existing routes and prevent King County Metro's proposed February 2015 service cuts and restructures.

Section 8:

In the event that King County Metro proposes route restructures of Transportation District-funded routes in order to improve service efficiency consistent with the King County Metro service guidelines, then in addition to a robust King County Metro public service planning process with affected riders, businesses, and residents, the Transportation Benefit District expects the City to negotiate such changes through the planned interagency agreement.

ACTION 7:

Motion was made and duly seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 12** as amended.

The Motion carried and the Resolution was adopted as amended by the following voice vote:

In favor: Bagshaw, Clark, Godden, Harrell, Licata, Rasmussen, O'Brien, Sawant – 8

Against: None.

The Board Chair announced that **Resolution No. 12** as amended was not available for presentation for his signature and that the Board would be at ease until the Resolution was available.

The Board came back to order and Board Chair Rasmussen announced that **Resolution No. 12** as amended was available for presentation to the Board and ready to be signed. The Board Chair signed **Resolution No. 12**.

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VII. OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Seattle Transportation Benefit District Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:14 p.m.

Emilia M. Sanchez, Deputy City Clerk for the City of Seattle

Signed by me in Open Session, upon approval of the Seattle Transportation Benefit District Board, on [*Clerk Note: the next STBD meeting date has not been determined*].

Tom Rasmussen, Chair of the Seattle Transportation Benefit District Board

Monica Martinez Simmons, Seattle City Clerk